

(11) Yes. No report has been called for from the Registrar.

(12) Government have seen co-operation developing on the credit side, but they cannot subscribe to the proposition that the other sides are uncared for. The Member is also referred to para 28 of the *Report on the Administration of the Co-operative Department for 1101*. No report has been called for from the Registrar.

(13) Yes. Four.

(14) The Member is referred to part one of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 7th Karkadagam 1102.

The improvement of the Panchayat Administration.

146. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are taking any steps for the improvement of the Panchayat administration and its functions ; if so, what are they ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question is too general to be specifically answered.

The compilation of the Panchayat Code.

147. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a *Panchayat Code* is in preparation; and if so, will they be pleased to state whether they will obtain suggestions and opinions of all the Panchayats before they put it in force?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government have sanctioned the compilation into a manual of all notifications and orders of a general nature issued from time to time. This does not require a reference to the Panchayats.

Resolutions passed at public meetings regarding an elected President for the Legislative Council.

148. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to question No. 367 of Kumbham meeting of 1102, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government have received resolutions passed at public meetings in the course of the last two years relating to the matter mentioned in the above question;

(b) from how many places such resolutions were received;

(c) whether copies of the resolutions received be placed on the table ;

(d) whether these resolutions have been considered by the Government ; and if so,

(e) what action has been taken in this matter ;

(f) whether the Government be pleased to place on the table the papers relating to this matter ?

(a) **Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—Yes.

(b) Four, as far as can be ascertained.

- (c) (*Vide Appendix VI.*)
 (d) Yes.
 (e) They were recorded.
 (f) There are no papers relating to this matter to be placed on the table.

The shifting of the Chelakkara Registry Office.

149. മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. ശങ്കരൻ നമ്പൂതിരി.—(a) ചേലക്കര റജിസ്ട്രാഫീസ് ചെറുതുരുത്തിയിലേക്ക് മാറ്റേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായം അടങ്ങിയതും 1902-ലെ ലെജിസ്ലേറ്റീവ് സെഷനിൽ ആലോചനപ്പെടുത്തിയതുമായ റെസല്യൂഷനെപ്പറ്റി റജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ സൂപ്രണ്ടും ചേലക്കര റജിസ്ട്രാറും വല്ല അഭിപ്രായങ്ങളും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

(b) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അഭിപ്രായങ്ങൾ സഭയെ ധരിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. എ. കെ. വെങ്ക അയ്യർ.—(a) ഉണ്ട്.

(b) 7ാം അനുബന്ധം നോക്കുക. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

Documents registered in the Chelakkara Registry Office.

150. മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. ശങ്കരൻ നമ്പൂതിരി.—കഴിഞ്ഞ അഞ്ചു കൊല്ലങ്ങൾക്കുള്ളിൽ ഓരോകൊല്ലവും ചേലക്കര റജിസ്ട്രാഫീസിൽ റജിസ്ട്രാക്കീട്ടുള്ള ആധാരങ്ങളുടെ എണ്ണം എത്രയെന്നു ദയവു ചെയ്തു പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. എ. കെ. വെങ്ക അയ്യർ.—ആ കൊല്ലങ്ങളിലെ രാജഭരണവർഷാന്തര റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൾ നോക്കുക.

A table of villages served by the Chelakkara Registry Office.

151. മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. ശങ്കരൻ നമ്പൂതിരി.—ചേലക്കര റജിസ്ട്രാഫീസിന്റെ അധികാരതൃത്തിയിൽപ്പെട്ട റവന്യൂ വില്ലേജുകൾ ഏതെല്ലാമാണെന്നു കാണിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പട്ടിക ദയവുചെയ്തു മേശപ്പുറത്തു വയ്ക്കാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. എ. കെ. വെങ്ക അയ്യർ.—149.ാം ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ ഉത്തരം നോക്കുക.

Documents registered in some Registry Offices.

152. മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. ശങ്കരൻ നമ്പൂതിരി.—1099, 1100, 1101 ഈ കൊല്ലങ്ങളിൽ താഴെ കാണിക്കുന്ന റജിസ്ട്രാഫീസിൽ റജിസ്ട്രാക്കീട്ടുള്ള ആധാരങ്ങളുടെ എണ്ണം എത്രയാണെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

- I. തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ.
- വെള്ളാരപ്പള്ളി.

APPENDIX V.

*(Vide Answer to Question No. 145.)**Letter P. No. 1268/25, dated 27th June 1925, from the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States.*

The Government of India have observed that considerable development in the Co-operative movement has taken place in the Cochin State and they would be glad to include statistics for Cochin in the Annual Report on the progress of the Co-operative Movement in India. I shall therefore be obliged if you will be so good as to furnish the latest statistics on the subject in the enclosed form.

APPENDIX VI.

*(Vide Answer to Question No. 148.)**Resolution passed at the public meeting held at Ernakulam on the 30th of November 1926.*

This meeting most humbly and respectfully prays that the benign Government of His Highness the Maharaja may be pleased to amend the Legislative Council Regulation and Rules at an early date so as to give his beloved subjects a non-official elected President for the Legislative Council and further Constitutional Reforms enabling the people to reap the full benefits expected of the Council.

Moved by Mr. A. B. Salem, B. A. and B. L., M. L. C.

Seconded by Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar, M. L. C.

Resolution passed at a public meeting held at Cherpu on the 8th of December 1926.

This meeting of the public at Cherpu endorses the view of the all-Cochin Public Meeting held at Ernakulam on the 30th November 1926 under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Sankara Puduval, B. A. and B. L., demanding an elected President in place of the Diwan-President for the Cochin Legislative Council, and is of opinion that the time has arrived for the change and for further Constitutional Reforms.

Resolution passed at a public meeting of the citizens of Irinjalakkuda on the 7th of December 1926.

This meeting of the citizens of Irinjalakkuda fully endorses the view expressed by the public meeting at Ernakulam held under the Chairmanship of Mr. A. Sankara Puduval, B. A. and B. L., Member for Trichur, in the Cochin Legislative Council demanding an elected President for the Legislative Council in place of the Diwan-President and places on record its opinion that the time immediately and for other Constitutional Reforms is now ripe.

Resolution passed at a meeting of the public at Trichur on the 23rd December 1926.

This meeting of the public of Trichur respectfully beg to submit that the Government will be pleased to take steps to amend the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation VIII of 1908 and give the Cochin Legislative Council the privilege of having an elected President to enable the people to reap the full benefits of a Legislative Council, as all the British Indian Councils have elected Presidents now.

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APPENDIX VII.

Letter dated 8th February 1927, C. No. 1155/02 from the Superintendent of Registration.

With reference to Official Memoranda R. O. C. No. 1091/02, dated 25th January 1927 and 5th February 1927, I have the honour to sub-join an extract from the report received by me from the District Registrar of Chelakkara on the subject of the shifting of the Chelakkara Registry Office to Cheruvirutti.

"This office was opened in Karkadagam 1067 and has since been located in its present site. The building in which the office is held was constructed by the Government in 1076.

The names of the villages comprising the present registration district, the approximate distance to the villages and the number of registrations affecting immovable properties situated in the villages in the year 1101 are shown below.—

Names of the villages comprising this district		Approximate distance in miles to the villages from Chelakkara	Approximate distance in miles to the villages from Cheruvirutti	No. of documents registered affecting immovable properties situated in the village in 1101	Total No of documents registered affecting immovable properties in 1101
1	Attur	4	4	40	
2	Chelakkara	..	9	126	
3	Chelakkod	3	12	74	
4	Cheruvirutti	9	..	137	
5	Desamangalam	12	3	86	
6	Killimangalam	3	7	124	
7	Kurumala	2	10	53	
8	Mullurkkara	6	4	169	
9	Nedumpura	10	1	114	
10	Pallur	14	5	62	
11	Panjal	5	4	69	
12	Panikulam	7	4	131	
13	Pulakkod	2	11	23	
14	Pangarappalli	3	12	60	
15	Thonurkkara	1	8	121	
16	Venganallur	1	10	79	

It is true that at present the parties belonging to the villages of Cheruvirutti, Desamangalam, Nedumpura and Pallur are put to hardship, since they have to travel 9, 12, 10 and 14 miles respectively to reach this office, and so they will be benefitted by the proposed change. On the other hand, the parties belonging to the villages of Chelakkara, Thonurkkara, Killimangalam, Kurumala, Pangarappalli, Venganallur, Pulakod and Chelakkod will be put to trouble since they will have to travel 9, 8, 7, 10, 12, 10, 11 and 12 miles respectively to reach the proposed office at Cheruvirutti. Moreover, Chelakkara is a commercial centre, and the people of the latter villages have very often to go

to the Chelakkara bazaar on business and with a view to sell their agricultural produce and also to purchase the requisite articles for use in their homes. It will thus be a source of hardship to ask them to go to Cheruvirutti for the sole purpose of getting their documents registered.

The people of the village of Attur may not view with disfavour the proposed change, since the distance is the same and the people of Mullurkara, Panjal and Panikulam may favour the change in view of the less distance they will have to travel. As a matter of fact, the people of these villages have no room for complaint on the score of long distance to this office.

It has to be considered whether the people of the four villages of Cheruvirutti, Desamangalam, Nedumpura and Pallur, who are at present put to hardship, are to be afforded greater facilities at the expense of the people of the 8 villages of Chelakkara, Thonurkara, Killimangalam, Kurumala, Pangarappalli, Venganallur, Pulakkod and Chelakkod. It will be seen that the four former villages contribute only 399 registrations out of a total of 1468, while the latter 8 villages contribute 660.

Moreover, if the office is located at Cheruvirutti as recommended by the Legislative Council Member, a building sufficiently spacious to accommodate the Registrar and the staff as well as to keep the register volumes and other records from 1067 will have to be constructed; for it is doubtful if any suitable building exists at Cheruvirutti. It has to be considered whether the Government will be justified in spending public money for the convenience of the people of the above 4 villages alone.

Cheruvirutti is on the border of the State and is not so important a village; whereas Chelakkara is centrally situated and is a commercial centre rising rapidly in importance. And the Registry Office having been in Chelakkara for more than 35 years, I do not think it will be in the interests of the Government or of the general public to have it shifted to Cheruvirutti."